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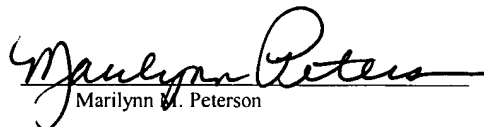
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Art Unit: 3761 }
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Docket No.: 121027-0064 }
Applicants: Toshiya YAGOU and Kazuaki ONISHI }
Invention: BODY FLUID ABSORBENT PANEL FOR }
SANITARY WEARING ARTICLE }
Serial No: 09/939,163 }
Filed: 08/24/2001 }
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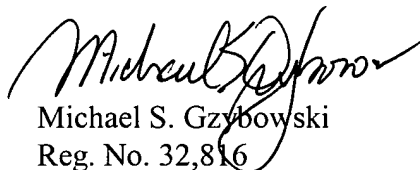
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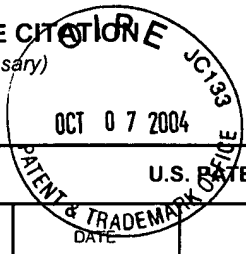
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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | US 4,276,338 | 06/30/1981 | Ludwa, et al | | | |
| | 2 | US 4,704,112 | 11/03/1987 | Suzuki, et al | | | |
| | 3 | US 5,817,394 | 10/06/1998 | Alikhan, et al | | | |
| | 4 | US 5,478,335 | 12/26/1995 | Colbert | | | |
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| | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION | |
| | | | | | | | YES | NO |
| | 5 | EP 1 138 301 | 10/04/2001 | Europe | | | ✓ | |
| | 6 | EP 0 953 324 | 11/03/1999 | Europe | | | ✓ | |
| | 7 | EP 0 815 819 | 01/07/1998 | Europe | | | ✓ | |
| | 8 | EP 0 545 423 | 08/06/1997 | Europe | | | ✓ | |
| | 9 | WO 00/35503 | 06/22/2000 | WIPO / PCT | | | ✓ | |

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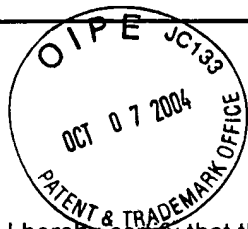
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| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
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| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
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